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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: REQUEST FOR KLM-ALM TOURIST PROPOSAL FOR NETHERLANDS
ANTILLES

UPON HER RETURN FROM VISIT TO NETHERLANDS ANTILLES, STATE
SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORTATION NEELIE SMIT TOLD PRESS AUGUST 8
SHE WANTED KLM AND ALM TO SUBMIT A JOINT PROPOSAL FOR CARRYING
TOURISTS TO NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. SHE SAID PROPOSAL SHOULD BE
COMPETITIVE WITH SIMILAR PLAN OF INTERNATIONAL CARIBBEAN
TOURIST ORGANIZATION (ICT) AND THE LTU GERMAN CHARTER AIRLINE.
SHE ENDORSED DESIRE OF NETHERLANDS ANTILLES GOVERNMENT TO
PROMOTE TOURISM BUT THOUGHT ICT-LTC ARRANGEMENT WAS PREMATURE.
THEREFORE SHE FAVORED AN EFFORT TO SEE WHETHER THE TWO NATIONAL
AIRLINES COULD HANDLE THE TRANSPORT OF TOURISTS. SHE NOTED
THAT ANTILLES TRANSPORT MINISTER WINKLAAR HAD ADMITTED THAT
SUCH AN INVESTIGATION WOULD BE A GOOD THING WHILE MAKING CLEAR
THAT ULTIMATE DECISION WOULD BE MADE BY ANTILLES CABINET.
MRS. SMITH THOUGHT KLM-NLM PROPOSAL SHOULD BE AVAILABLE
IN SEPTEMBER AS FIRST CHARTER FLIGHT UNDER ICT-LTU
AGREEMENT IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 18.
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